

REMARKS

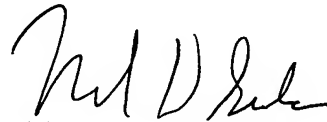
In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction of the application to one of two inventions: Claims 1-12, drawn to a method of use; and claims 13-17 drawn to a device for closing an aperture. Applicants hereby elect invention I of claims 1-12. The remaining claims, claims 13-17, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Prompt and favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner believe it would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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